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Sen. Hardiman pushes effort to help Michigan pharmacies

LANSING – Under legislation introduced by Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, Michigan pharmacies would be better able to compete in today's marketplace by participating in mail-order prescription services.

Hardiman's legislation would allow "centralized prescription processing" services, which means one pharmacy would be able to fill a request from another pharmacy to fill a prescription. His legislation, Senate Bill 352, also would eliminate the ban on mail-order services for Michigan based pharmacies.

"I want local pharmacy owners to have the same ability to succeed in the marketplace as out-of-state mail-order pharmacies," Hardiman said. "With my legislation, we're helping to ensure there's a level playing field."

SB 352 has been referred to the Senate Health Policy Committee.

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